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~~SECRET COMINT CHANNELS 0205/244-64~~

SUBJ: DRV NAVAL ATTACK ON DESOTO PATROL
FURTHER MY 0205/245. USS MADDOX REPORT D AT APPROX 020838Z THAT ONE
DRV PT BOAT WAS DEAD IN THE WATER AND BURNING AND THAT OTHER TWO
PT BOATS WERE HEADED FOR THE BEACH. BELIEVE IT LIKELY THAT SEARCH
AND RESCUE OPERATION WILL BE CONDUCTED BY DRV VESSELS THUS
INCREASING LIKELIHOOD OF REFLECTIONS AND FURTHER ACTIVITY. DESOTO
ARRIVED VICINITY 19-47N/106-05E AT APPROX 020300Z WHERE IT WAS TO
ORBIT FOR EIGHT HOURS. MADE DEVIATION FROM TRACK TO AVOID PASSING
THRU LARGE CONCENTRATION OF JUNKS THERE BUT ATTACK ON DESOTO
(ROUGHLY FIVE HOURS LATER (0807Z)) PROBABLY IN VICINITY OF ABOVE
COORDINATES. BURNING PT BOAT PRESUMABLY SAME GENERAL AREA
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